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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS REACTION TO VETO

1. REACTION OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS AND OPPOSITION PARTIES

IN PARLIAMENT TO SECURITY COUNCIL VETOES HAS EMPHASIZED THAT MOVE ONLY GIVES SOUTH AFRICA BRIEF "REPRIEVE" AND DOES NOT SIGNAL END TO ATTEMPTS TO ISOLATE COUNTRY. THOUGH PRESS RIFE WITH SPECULATION THAT SAG CONTEMPLATING NEW POLICY INITIATIVES ON SWA AND RHODESIA, EDITORIALS ARE FOCUSING ON IMPERATIVE NEED FOR END TO RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. CAPE TOWN'S ARGUS NOTES THAT WESTERN NATIONS' DESIRE TO HAVE SOUTH AFRICA MEET UN WISHES ON SOUTH WEST AFRICA AND RHODESIA IS AN "UNREAL OBJECTIVE." HOWEVER, ARGUS CONTINUES, INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION CAN BE STAVED OFF "BY MOVING DELIBERATELY TOWARDS SOCIETY IN WHICH RACIAL BARRIERS ARE PROGRESSIVELY REMOVED."

2. CONSERVATIVE DIE BURGER, CAPE PROVINCE MOUTHPIECE OF RULING NATIONAL PARTY, TAKES DIFFERENT LINE, ARGUING THAT VETOES INDICATE WESTERN POWERS ARE ANXIOUS TO PROTECT VITAL INTERESTS, E.G., CAPE SEA ROUTE. DIE BURGER SEES SECURITY COUNCIL HAPPENINGS AS

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SUCCESSFUL SOVIET PLOT TO EMBARRASS WESTERN POWERS, AND STATES

THAT CONFRONTATION IN AFRICA, WHICH WILL ONLY SERVE RUSSIAN INTERESTS,

CAN BEST BE AVOIDED BY INCREASING CONTACT WITH RESPONSIBLE BLACK
STATES. POSSIBILITIES OF CHANGE IN DOMESTIC SCENE NOT MENTIONED.
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